

Claim Amendments:

This listing will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A heddle (2), in particular for power looms,

comprising:

having an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet (7)
for securing the heddle (2) to a heddle support rail (3, 4), and

having a spring means (14) provided on the end eyelet (7) on a side thereof
facing away from the heddle body for engaging a bearing surface spaced from and
adjacent a heddle supporting rib of a heddle support rail.

2. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the spring means (14) is integrally joined to the end eyelet (7) on the
side thereof facing away from the end eyelet..

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4. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the spring means (14) is embodied as a tensioning means, for
supporting the heddle (2) in a prestressed fashion on ~~the~~ a heddle support rail (3, 4).

5. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the spring means (14) is formed by at least one resilient portion
extending away from the end eyelet (7).

6. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the spring means (14) is embodied resiliently in the longitudinal direction (Y) of the heddle.

7. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring means (14) is embodied as a compression spring (23).

8. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the spring means (14) is embodied as a spiral spring.

9. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the heddle (2) is formed of a plane flat material, and ~~that~~ the end eyelet (7) is embodied as plane.

10. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heddle (2) is formed of a plane flat material, and ~~that~~ the spring means (14) is embodied as plane.

11. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ the heddle (2) is formed of a plane flat material, and ~~that~~ the spring means (14) is embodied by a curved spring tongue.

12. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heddle (2) is embodied of a flat material and adjoining the end

eyelet (7) has an elongated portion, which is provided with a bending edge (32) or a reinforcing bulge.

13. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heddle (2), adjoining the end eyelet (7), has an elongated portion which has a center eyelet and (C) which is divided into a plurality of portions (A, B) extending from the center eyelet, and ~~that~~ these portions (A, B) have different cross-sectional areas.

14. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cross-sectional areas of the portions (A, B) have a ratio in terms of the area they contain of 1 to 2.

15. (Currently Amended) The heddle according to claim 13, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the cross-sectional areas of the portions (A, B) have profile sections that deviate from one another.

16. (Currently Amended) A heddle support rail for receiving a heddle according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the heddle support rail (3, 4) has a rib for supporting a heddle at a face of the end eyelet opposite the spring means, and a bearing face (15) for that is spaced from the rib, extends transverse to the longitudinal direction of the heddle body, and is positioned to engage the spring means when a heddle is supported on the rib (14).

17. (Currently Amended) The heddle support rail according to claim 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing face (15) is disposed in stationary fashion relative to the jib of the heddle support rail (3, 4).

18. (Currently Amended) The heddle support rail according to claim 4 16, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the bearing face (15) is supported adjustably relative to jib of the heddle support rail (3, 4).

19. (Currently Amended) A heddle shaft ~~for receiving~~ with a heddle support rail (3, 4) having a heddle (3) according to claim 1.

20. (New) A heddle, in particular for power looms, comprising:
an elongated heddle body, which on one end has an end eyelet for securing the heddle to a heddle support rail; and,
a spring that is provided on the end eyelet on a side thereof facing away from the heddle body, that extends away from the eyelet, and is an integral one-piece part of the heddle body.